

BURIEN BUSINESS AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (BEDP)
MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 27, 2009

Time: 7-8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Rick Cosgrave, David Elliott, Bob Ewing, Michael Goldsmith, Nancy Hinthorne, Alice Madsen, Doug Moreland,

Excused Absentees: Geri Fain, Kevin Fitz, Jim Hughes, Mark Minium, Jane Voget

Staff: Mike Martin, City Manager; Dick Loman, Economic Development Manager; Janet Stallman, Department Assistant, City Manager Office

Guests: Mayor Joan McGilton; Councilmember Gordon Shaw; Patty Sader, Executive Director Discover Burien; Renee Klein, Executive Director, Highline Medical Foundation; Judy Cubert, Printcom, Inc.

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:05 a.m. by Michael Goldsmith, Chair

Mike Martin gave a brief update on a recent lobbying trip to Olympia. The feeling in Olympia is pretty gloomy. Tough decisions need to be made and some are having a hard time dealing with this reality. Mike believes that it is important to not become paralyzed by the difficulties. Mayor McGilton, who also went to Olympia made the comment that hope begins on the local level, and that she has lots of hope for Burien. We have an active community that steps up to help, and she believes we will get through this tough time better than most communities.

Patty Sader gave a brief report on a new series being provided through the Small Business Development Center. The first session dealt with how small businesses can survive through tough economic times. It was attended by approximately 25 different businesses, and was very well received. The series continues on a bi-monthly basis.

Dick Loman then opened up the discussion on reviewing the proposed Special Events Permit Ordinance that the City Attorney has been working on. Members had comments that will be brought back to the City Attorney for revision. The biggest consideration was making the ordinance pertain to the Commercial Business Districts only, and not to neighborhoods. This proposed ordinance will also be discussed by Discover Burien, and they will be given a chance to provide additional input before a final revision is completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Next meeting: March 13, 2009